Retro #12 Penny Postcards from 1906-1907

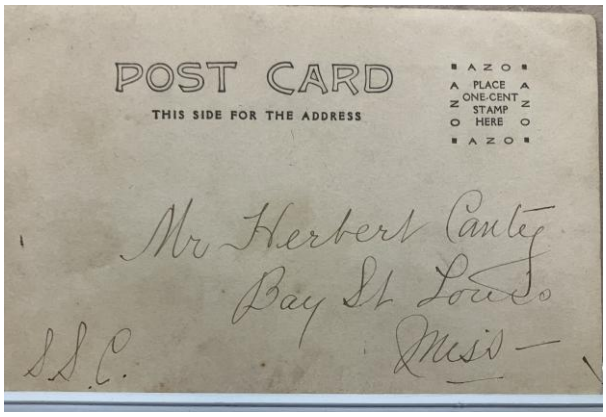
In the early 1900s penny postcards were very popular, much like text messaging is today. People's photos were often printed on cardstock as postcards for them to mail to their friends using a one-cent stamp. St. Stanislaus sometimes hired professionals to make postcards of the school building and various athletic teams. Many of these vintage postcards have become collectors' items. Mr. Henry Gutierrez, formerly from Biloxi, generously donated the four postcards shown here from his valuable collection to the Saint Stanislaus archives since they related to SSC students in 1906-1907.

#1. The postcard mailed 2/4/07 to H. Canty at SSC in Bay St. Louis from Louise N Chapotel in Pass Christian is a good example of a postcard made from an amateur's poorly lit snapshot of several couples on the lawn at SSC. It is interesting because in the background one can read the wrought iron sign "St. Stanislaus College." Also of interest is the formal attire of the couples in the photo. The postcard was addressed to Mr. Herbert Canty at SSC in Bay St. Louis. Herbert Canty and his brother Willie Canty from Scranton, Mississippi, graduated from Saint Stanislaus College in 1907.

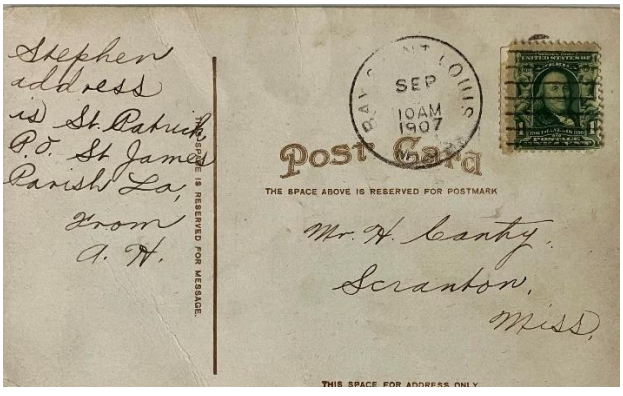
Pass Christian, Miss,
2/4/07

Lest you should forget—
A Sunday when we met
On this, your College green
'Tis not very plain—yet we
can be seen.

Louise N. Chapotel.

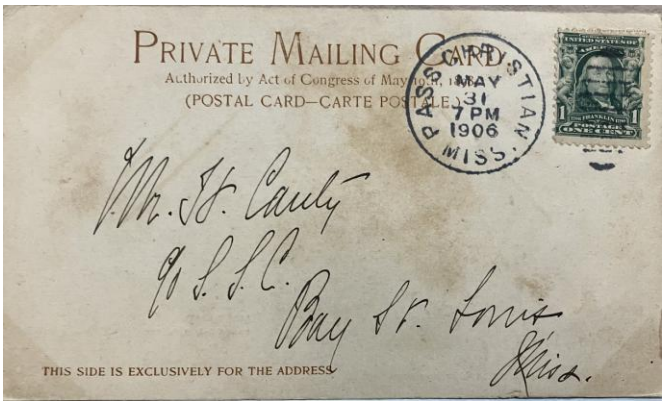


#2. Three of the postcards were professionally made. One of them addressed to Mr. H. Canty at his home in Scranton, Miss, which is near Pascagoula, pictures the "First Nine" baseball team of St. Stanislaus in 1907. Unfortunately, we do not have the names of the players for that year or the name of the Brother manager who appears on the far left in the photo. The card was mailed to Herbert from "A. H." obviously in response to his request for Stephen's address which A. H. wrote on the postcard. A.H. was Albert Haydel. He and his brother Stephen Haydel were resident students at SSC from St. James Parish in Louisiana.



#3. Another professionally produced postcard shows the "Second 9 Base Ball Team of St. Stanislaus College." The photograph in black and white was colored by the company that made the postcard. It was not mailed but most probably hand delivered to the father of Herbert and Willie Canty, who managed a store in Scranton.

#4. The fourth postcard here is also a professionally made one featuring Lynne Castle in Pass Christian. It was sent to Herbert Canty at St. Stanislaus on May 31, 1906, from M. Simpson in Pass Christian. These penny postcards were usually delivered the very next day.



Brother Xavier Werneth, April 2025